

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 17.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Representative and the SEC. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative Designee; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 17 through 22, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22, relating to the appointment of an independent counsel.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 18, proposed Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures in elections, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22, relating to the appointment of an independent counsel.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business, including the nomination of Merrick B. Garland to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 18 and 20, to resume hearings on proposed legislation

authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: March 18, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

March 18 and 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for energy research programs of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m.; SD-124.

March 18, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 19 and 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Wednesday, for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m.; Thursday, for the United Nations, 2 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for international narcotics, crime and law enforcement, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 18, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the unified commands military strategies and operational requirements, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings in open and closed session on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy weapons programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 19, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-418.

March 19, Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal